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### Today's Blotter:

A West Side resident robbed at knifepoint ...  
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### Funniest Photo of the Week:

Take part in the new "Funniest Photo Contest" ...  
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## Allstate Foundation Awards Employee with Helping Hands Grant

Allstate Insurance Company has awarded the Helping Hands Grant to Mary Ellen Burke, an employee who is based in Williamsville, for her commitment to volunteering in the community. With this award, comes a \$500 grant from The Allstate Foundation for the

Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Burke submitted her application to benefit Roswell Park and the donation will be disbursed to the plateletpheresis center (platelet donor program). Congratulations to Mary Ellen Burke for her award and thanks for benefiting Roswell Park!

## SABAH Celebrates at the Monsters, Inc. Skating Party

By Carrie Smigelksi



Sully took time out of his busy schedule to shake hands with the skaters. Photo by Carrie Smigelksi

The HSBC Arena was full of excitement on Thursday, January 26. Children from SABAH, along with their family and friends, strapped on their skates and took to the ice for a Monsters, Inc. Skating Party.

The skaters had the chance to swap tips with figure skaters from the east and after the skating was done, the children from SABAH waited eagerly for the Monsters, Inc. characters to make an appearance. As the children's anticipation rose, the time finally came to see the real stars of the show. Sully, Mike and a few other characters skated onto the ice and shook hands and took pictures with the kids. And the fun did not end there. The SABAH skaters and their families all received tickets to the Monsters, Inc. show and

got to enjoy a performance with their new friends. For more information on SABAH, visit their web site at www.sabahinc.org.

## Local Students Win Engineering Award

Students from St. Mark School recently won the Best Engineering Design Award for their entry in the 14th annual National Engineers Week Future City Competition held at UB on January 28. This is the second year in a row that this team has won this prestigious award! Future City is a national competition developed for seventh and eighth grade students to help them discover interests in math, science and engineering.

The students used their imaginations to design and build a city of the future, doing so only by using recycled materials. They chose to "Turn Buffalo Around" and created the future City of Olafub. Set in the year 2461, the current citizens of Olafub live in a thriving metropolis. Niagara Falls eroded over time and is now located near the downtown City Hall and Signature Bridge to Canada. Downtown attractions include the University of Olafub and 2 domed stadiums: home of the perennial Super Bowl champion, Olafub Bills and Stanley Cup champion, Olafub Sabres. Several world corporate head-quarters are located here, includ-



Back row (left to right): Sean Majer, Timothy Van Oss, Phil Frandina, Rosanne Frandina, Kelsey Ryan, Jim Van Oss, Leah Hourihan, and Principal Sr. Jeanne Eberle  
Front row (left to right): Ian Kamery, Daniel Van Oss, Anna Hourihan, Madalyn Vershay, Kyle Girardi, Tori Vossler, Caroline Bukowski, Dan Cercone.  
Photo courtesy of Rosanne Frandina

ing the MagniCrete and MagniMelt. MagniMelt is an additive to MagniCrete roads that instantly melts snow, allowing businesses and schools to remain open, even in blizzards! Future City gave the students an introduction to different types of engineering, from civil to electrical and chemical to mechanical. It also taught them

skills such as writing, public speaking and problem solving. And above all, they found it fun since it allowed them to use their imaginations. The team consisted of 12 students plus 3 Engineering mentors: Tim and Dan's parents: Jim Van Oss and Rosanne Frandina, plus their grandfather, Phil Frandina, all North Buffalo residents and engineers.

## ROVING REPORTER: What Your Neighbors Are Saying

How do you feel about the warm weather we've been having this winter? Do you like it or hate it?



Scott J. Sepanski  
SJS Tax Services  
Riverside

I love this weather because I don't have to shovel my parking lot, but I also wish there was more snow. I go skiing every Sunday and the conditions aren't great. I'd prefer some snow.



Michele Noznisky,  
Riverside

I like the weather and I'm outside more than usual. I am worried about getting slammed with snow later on though.



Caroline  
North Buffalo

I would like more snow because I really enjoy the four seasons and I also would've liked to play in the snow with my grandkids more. Plus, the snow makes it feel cozier in the house.



Carolyn Blackwell,  
Tonawanda

I like the warm weather because I would rather not have any snow. But I haven't really been able to get outside as much though.

Join the ROVING REPORTER Monday, February 6, at Casa di Pizza, 477 Elmwood Ave. at 12:30 p.m.

One lucky participant in next week's 'What Your Neighbors Are Saying,' will win a Gift Certificate from Casa di Pizza!

Photos by Carrie Smigelksi

## LOCAL WEATHER

FRIDAY, FEB. 3	SATURDAY, FEB. 4	SUNDAY, FEB. 5	MONDAY, FEB. 6	TUESDAY, FEB. 7	WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8	THURSDAY, FEB. 9
Showers 43°F 36°F	Rain/Snow Showers 42°F 37°F	Few Snow Showers 32°F 27°F	Few Snow Showers 31°F 27°F	Few Snow Showers 29°F 23°F	Partly Cloudy 29°F 26°F	Mostly Cloudy 32°F 26°F